

REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed July 21, 2004, the Examiner maintained the rejection of claims 1-3, 5, 15 and 17 under 35 USC § 103(a) over U.S. Patent 4,550,660 to Sato et al. in view of U.S. Patent 3,981,237 to Rhodes and JP 03-075192 to Tamura.

The Examiner indicated that claim 6 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Applicant has complied with the Examiner's suggestion and amended claim 6 to be in independent form. In addition, new claims 21-28 are presented, all of which depend from claim 6. No new matter is added by any of these claims as express support is found throughout the application as originally filed. The remaining claims 1-3, 5, 15, and 17-18 have all been canceled.

Allowance of independent claim 6 and dependent claims 21-28 is respectfully requested.

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